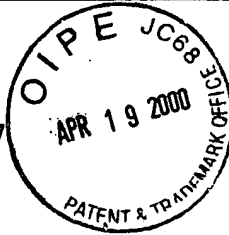


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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated December 9, 1999 finally rejecting claims 1-29.

Petition for Extension of Time: The Applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 1999 from March 9, 2000 to April 9, 2000. Since April 9, 2000 was a Sunday, the due date for response is extended to April 10, 2000.

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Ext. fee for response within 1st month.	\$110.00
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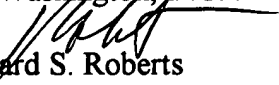
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